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**African Studies Center**  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Fall #13, December 1st, 2020*

## AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK



*There will be no Eye on Africa presentation this week. Our next Eye On Africa presentation will be on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Happy Holidays!*

Eye on Africa is a weekly seminar series that provides scholars, policy-makers, applied practitioners, students, and the interested public with cutting-edge and highly-contextualized knowledge about the African continent.

Due to the restrictions on travel and assembly imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will meet virtually throughout the spring. We will provide the Eye On Africa schedule for the spring semester in due course.

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## Graduate Student Webinar on Writing Proposals for International Dissertation Research Grants

**Date:** Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (EST)

This free virtual webinar is open to all MSU graduate students—US and international —planning to write proposals for funding dissertation or pre-dissertation research abroad for deadlines in 2020 or 2021. Grants to be discussed include Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grants, SSRC/ACLS International Dissertation Research Fellowships, NSF, and Ford Minority Fellowships. (Note that applicants for some grants must be US citizens or permanent residents.)

[See new Grants and Fellowships for International Dissertation Research](#) | [Zoom Link](#) (password "proposal")

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## Official Launch of Enslaved.org!

### Matrix: The Center for Digital Humanities & Social Sciences at Michigan State University

Matrix: The Center for Digital Humanities & Social Sciences at Michigan State University (MSU), in partnership with the MSU Department of History, University of Maryland, and scholars at multiple institutions, developed *Enslaved: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade*. *Enslaved.org*'s primary focus is people—individuals who were enslaved, owned slaves, or participated in slave trading.

Here are some of the new features of the site:

- Over 600K linked open data triples that include 340K person records, 212K event records, 3K places records, and 2.5K source records
- The *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation* with 3 published data articles and more than 30 additional datasets in the queue
- Data from 7 amazing contributors
- More than 75 stories on people who were enslaved
- And so much more

We are excited to announce that today, December 1st, is the official launch of the *Enslaved.org* project website!

[Visit Enslaved.org Here](#)

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## New Course for Spring 2021; JRN 365: International News and Government Dynamics

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**Instructor:** Dr. Folu Ogundimu

*This is a 3 credit course.*

This course allows students to explore the function and structure of the news media in a regional context. Students will be guided with the aid of lectures, readings, and feature documentaries for a useful and topical understanding of how the news media play a crucial role in our knowledge of two of the world's regions: Africa and the Middle East. The course will explore how history, economics, politics, and contemporary news events shape our understanding of what is happening in these regions and in specific countries. The course also presents students with the opportunity to sharpen their own critical skills via regular short discussion posts about their interpretations of readings and featured documentaries. These posts constitute a major assessment tool for the course.

[Other Spring 2021 Africa Related Courses](#)

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## New Course for Spring 2021; TE 923: Comparative Perspectives on Curriculum, Instruction, & Teacher Education

**Date and Time:** Thursdays at 12:40 PM - 3:30 PM (EST)

**Instructor:** Dr. Bethany Wilinski

*Note: This course is being offered as a hybrid to accommodate international students. The design will be flexible to accommodate students in different time zones who need to participate asynchronously.*

Educational policies and practices in Africa and elsewhere exist within a set of global and local contexts and discourses that powerfully shape what schooling comes to look like in any setting. In this course, we will examine education globally through a comparative lens, with a goal of considering how comparison can enhance our understanding of the political and sociocultural process that shape education. A significant number of readings will be Africa-related, and students are encouraged to use course assignments to develop and advance their own research ideas and agendas.

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## 'Reliving MSU's Year of Global Africa' Film

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From November 2017 until Fall 2019, the Michigan State University community celebrated The Year of Global Africa, during which we explored MSU's rich history and connection with our many partners in Africa and throughout the African Diaspora through diverse scholarship, community engagement, and other activities.

[Watch it Here!](#)



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